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In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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